

## INTRODUCTION

This Competitor's Handbook has been published for you, the competitor. I hope you find it helpful and informative. Last year's competition was extremely successful and we expect this year's to be even better. The last competition was the largest military-only canine competition on record. This competition is a one-of-a-kind in the MWD community.. I'm looking forward to seeing as many teams as possible from each of the sister services.

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# DoD K-9 COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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## **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. Handlers, regardless of rank, must be:
  - a. Graduates of the basic MWD handler course
  - b. Physically fit
2. Dogs must be:
  - a. Physically fit to compete in all registered events
  - b. Free of any maladies
  - c. Assigned and worked by only one handler during the competition
  - d. Well groomed and free from obnoxious odors

*In all cases, dog team must be registered and approved by the Service Component or AF MAJCOM MWD Program Manager.*

## **BILLETING**

Competitors are required to make their own billeting arrangements by calling the Lackland VAQ at **DSN 473-2556**. If billeting is not available at Lackland AFB, accommodations are possibly available at Kelly AFB, adjacent to Lackland, Randolph AFB (30-minute drive), or Brooks AFB (20-minute drive). The Kelly billeting office can be contacted at **DSN 945-1844**, Randolph at **487-1844**, and Brooks at **240-3031**.

## **KENNELS**

*Kennel rules and responsibilities*

1. *ALL competition MWDs will be housed at the 341 TRS kennels located at 1239 Knight St. (south end of the training side of LAFB)*
2. *Kennel management is controlled by civilian contractors, JXM, Inc.*

3. *Points of Contact for kennel related issues:*

- ◆ *Quality Assurance Evaluators for the Kennel Care Management Contract:*  
SSgts Kessler and Talley- 671-4291

- ◆ *JXM, Inc management and employees:*

*Janet Etheredge: Project Manager--Pager 820-2541*

*Tom Freeman: Kennel Supervisor--Pager 820-2983 Kent Savage: Control room. Tel. 671-3620/3589*

*Kennel Pager for After Hours Attendant: 820-2912*

*Questions regarding access or other kennel related issues can be answered best by these individuals. All other competition/Lackland AFB questions should be addressed to AFSFC (MSgt Landgrebe, Ext. 210-671-1308/DSN prefix is 473)*

**Kennel assignments and items to bring.**

- *You need to arrive at the Lackland kennels with the following information:*

- *Address and phone # of your temporary lodging during the competition (emergencies)*

- *You will respond to all emergencies concerning your dog*

- *You are solely responsible for maintaining:*

- *Food (Enough to last the entire stay)*

- *Feed Pan (Clearly marked)*

- *All equipment for competitions*

- ***YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM LACKLAND AFB***

*Note: Neither JXM, Inc. nor kennel support will provide these items for you*

*If needed and prior arrangements are made, the 341 TRS will provide a secured area for storage of airline crates.*

***What First?***

- *Go directly to the Control Room (Bldg 7487, Room 8), for kennel assignments.*

***DO NOT PUT YOUR DOG UP UNTIL GIVEN A KENNEL ASSIGNMENT.***

- *Normal Duty hours are from 0630-1600 Monday- Friday. During these times, the gates will be open. If you arrive any other time, there will be a support person located within the control room to assist you with an assigned kennel for your dog.(Ring the doorbell for service)*

***Note: Do not attempt to breach the kennel area in any other manner, other than through the Control Room. All violators will be detained until proper authorization can be verified (this will impact involvement in the competition).***

*You are permitted to enter the kennel only to feed your dog, clean its kennel, or prepare for the competition.*

*JXM, Inc personnel will call you in the event of emergencies.*

**Note: Confirm with JXM, Inc. personnel that you are on the premise at ALL times.**

#### *What Next?*

- *Competitors are responsible for all daily cleaning of their assigned kennels.*
- *This includes washing fecal material down the drains completely and rinsing of the kennel houses.*
- *When the kennel is not occupied water buckets will be emptied and house lids raised.*

**Note: Water buckets will be supplied by JXM, Inc.**

- *Once given a kennel by the control room staff, ensure it has been steam cleaned and free of any debris.*
- *All competitors will thoroughly G.I. the kennel run they have used prior to departing.*
  - *Materials needed to G.I. the kennels are available through the Control Room.*

#### *Safety First*

- *Safety is a priority and must be observed by everyone. Short safety leashes, calling out proper warnings, hearing protection and following the one-way system are required at **ALL** times.*
- *Hearing protection is mandatory and will not be provided.*
- *Safety chains on the kennel runs and kennel houses are to be used.*

#### *Exercise Areas*

- *Five (5) play pen areas are available to let your dog stretch his legs*

**Note: This is only when these areas are not being used by the JXM, Inc. personnel.**

#### *Arrival/Departure*

- *Travel days for the competition are 16/17 May and 21 May 01.*
- *The 341 TRS will not accept competitor dogs for kenneling before the 16<sup>th</sup> for OCONUS and the 17<sup>th</sup> for CONUS based teams. Kennel space will also not be available after Monday, 21 May 01.*

## **UNIFORM**

The uniform requirement visitors or spectators is duty uniform or casual civilian clothing. Competitors must wear the BDU. All participants will adhere to provisions of his/her respective Service dress and appearance regulation or

instruction. Rain gear is recommended but not mandatory. Outside events will take place rain or shine.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

HQ AFSFC Ops Center (24-hr): 671-0960/0961

## **SCHEDULE**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	18 May	Orientation/Competition Event (TBA)/Meet & Greet
	0800-0900	Competitor Orientation
	0915-1500	Competition Event (TBA)
	1530-1900	Registration/Meet & Greet
<b>SATURDAY</b>	19 May	Competition
<b>SUNDAY</b>	20 May	Competition/Awards Banquet
	1830	Social Hour (Gateway Club)
	1900	Dinner/Awards



## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Top Dog Award

Top Patrol Dog

Narcotic Detection Champion\*

Explosive Detection Champion\*

Handler Protection Champion\*

Tactical Obedience Champion\*

Scouting Champion\*

Building Search Champion\*

\*NOTE: Trophies awarded to the top five finishers in these events.

### **TOP DOG AWARD**

Awarded to the team with the overall top cumulative score. Team must compete in all events to include drug or explosive detection.

### **TOP PATROL DOG AWARD**

Awarded to the team with the overall top cumulative score in patrol dog events. Team must compete in all patrol dog events.

## **2000 TRIALS WINNERS**

### **DRUG DETECTION:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: MA2 MITCHELL YOUNG AND FISCO/NAVSTA PEARL HARBOR/US NAVY**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SPC DENNIS WELCH AND RENKA/FT BELVOIR/MDW/US ARMY**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: CPL DONALD GARLAND AND IRAQ/CG MCCDC QUANTICO/US MARINE CORPS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SGT MICHAEL R. FORREST AND BRUNO/FT HOOD/FORSCOM/USARMY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: SRA ROBERT S. PULLIN AND BRITT/GOODFELLOW AFB/AETC/ USAF**

### **EXPLOSIVE DETECTION**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SSGT LLOYD B. EVANS AND DIDO/ OSAN AB ROK/PACAF/USAF**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SGT JASON T. VICKERMAN AND MAX/HHC 26<sup>TH</sup> ASG/USAREUR/US ARMY**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: SSG KENYATTA MACK AND BRADLEY/ HHC 26<sup>TH</sup> ASG/USAREUR/US ARMY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SSG PAUL E. ELDRIDGE AND DAISY/FT STEWART/FORSCOM/US ARMY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: SRA ALBERT E. DEMELLO III AND ROBBY/ HANSCOM AFB/AFMC/USAF**

### **BUILDING SEARCH:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: CPL DONALD GARLAND AND IRAQ/CG MCCDC QUANTICO/US MARINE CORPS**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SRA CARINAE D. LEE AND CORA/ EDWARDS AFB/AFMC/USAF**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: SSGT CLAYTON L. KLAVER AND BLITZ/ AVIONO AB ITALY/USAFE/USAF**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SRA CHRISTOPHER M. PAPSON AND BARRY/ LACKLAND AFB/AETC/USAF**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: SSGT GREG W. MEYERS AND BRUNO/MCCONNELL AFB/AMC/USAF**



**SCOUTING:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: : SSGT JASON P. KEYSER AND RICHARD/ PATRICK  
AFB/AFSPC/USAF**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SSGT BRIAN A. DISORBO AND RONNIE/ PATRICK  
AFB/AFSPC/USAF**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: SSGT LLOYD B. EVANS AND DIDO/ OSAN AB  
ROK/PACAF/USAF**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SGT MICHAEL HEADRICK AND BLEK/ CG MCCDC  
QUANTICO/US MARINE CORPS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: SGT JAMES E. CRANE AND NESSY/ FT KNOX/TRADOC/US  
ARMY**

**TACTICAL OBEDIENCE:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SRA NICOLE J. GREENWOOD AND MICK/ HURLBURT  
FIELD AFB/AFSOC/USAF**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SRA LEE RILEY AND LEON/ COLUMBUS AFB/AETC/USAF**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: SSGT CLAYTON L. KLAVER AND BLITZ/ AVIONO AB  
ITALY/USAFE/USAF**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SSG KENYATTA MACK AND BRADLEY/ HHC 26<sup>TH</sup>  
ASG/USAREUR/US ARMY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: CPL SHAWN C. GIBBONS AND AMBER/ CG MCB  
KANE OHE BAY HAWII/USMC**

**HANDLER PROTECTION:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SRA DUSTIN J. SMITH AND TARRA/ MCCHORD  
AFB/AMC/USAF**

**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE: SPC JUSTIN W. LOWE AND BARRY/ FT  
DRUM/FORSCOM/US ARMY**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: SSGT HECTOR H. BARRIOS AND BRUNO/ EGLIN  
AFB/AFMC/USAF**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: SGT JOHN M. BONVILLE AND BOY II/CAMP  
PENDLETON/US MARINE CORPS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: SPC JEREMY R. RILEY AND TARZAN/ FT  
LEWIS/FORSCOM/US ARMY**

**TOP PATROL DOG**

**SPC JEREMY R. RILEY AND TARZAN/ FT LEWIS/FORSCOM/US  
ARMY**

**TOP DOG**

***SRA ROBERT S. PULLIN AND BRITT/GOODFELLOW AFB/AETC/ USAF***

## GENERAL RULES

1. Safety rules will be briefed upon your arrival. Failure to observe safety rules may result in disqualification of the competitor. Standards of professionalism must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so could lead to disqualification.
2. All rules concerning arming and use of force apply throughout the competition.
3. Pets will not be allowed in the area of the competition. Small children must be closely supervised by an adult.
4. Protest and appeals will be directed to the event judges. Judges' decisions are final.
5. Do not compromise event scenarios. It is in your best interest not to discuss competition problems with other competitors.
6. Do not attempt to view events prior to participation. If caught, the team will receive zero points for that event. After participation in public-viewed events, handlers are welcome to view subsequent competitors.
8. Be on time for events. A detailed schedule will be given to each competitor. Handlers must check in at the registration table at the competition site NLT 15 minutes prior to each scheduled event time.
9. Queing procedures for each event will be briefed at the registration table.
10. Handlers and visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and standards of conduct. Several local establishments have been placed off-limits for military personnel by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board. Each handler will be given a copy of the off-limits memorandum. DO NOT enter these establishments. Also, with the exception of routine, incidental, and/or public contact, interaction with basic and technical school trainees is prohibited.
11. ***SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!!!*** Strictly adhere to safety requirements at all times.

## **HANDLER PROTECTION 200 points**

**SCENARIO:** Teams will be given a situation in which they may expect to encounter multiple decoys both passive and aggressive. One or more decoys may make overt, aggressive gestures toward dog in an effort to test courage. Handler must consider the situation as “hostile” and remain tactical at all times. Additionally, the team may be required to escort the decoy(s) to a designated area.

### **DEDUCTIONS**

DOG MAKES CONTACT WITH DECOY ON STAND OFF (50 Pts)

DOG SHOWS LOW ENTHUSIASM ON PURSUIT OF DECOY (20 Pts)

DOG SHOWS LOW FIGHT DRIVE (20 Pts)

DOG HESITANT TO ENGAGE SECOND DECOY (20 Pts)

DOG COWERS ON COURAGE TEST (30 Pts)

DOG DOES NOT RELEASE BITE ON COMMAND (50 Pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO CONTROL DOG (30 Pts)

### **PENALTIES**

DOG URINATES OR DEFECATES (200 Pts)   **(Terminates Exercise)**

HANDLER FAILS TO CHALLENGE DECOY BEFORE RELEASE (20 Pts)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (50 Pts)

***TOTAL SCORE EQUALS 200 Pts MINUS DEDUCTIONS AND PENALTIES***

## **AREA SEARCH & CLEAR (Scouting) 200 points**

**SCENARIO:** Teams may expect to encounter one or more decoys hidden within the defined boundaries of the search area. The situation should be considered hostile and appropriate tactics applied. When enemy forces are located, depending on the actions of the decoy, take appropriate actions to gain control of the decoy. The situation terminates when the entire area has been cleared or when instructed by a competition official.

### **DEDUCTIONS**

SEARCH NOT INITIATED ON “DOWNWIND FLANK” (30 pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO ADJUST LINE OF PATROL IF WIND SHIFTS (30 pts)

DOG WALKS OUT OF SCENT CONE AND CANNOT RETURN TO IT (30 pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO READ DOG’S ALERT (30 pts)

DOG DOES NOT LOCATE DECOY (100 pts)

### **PENALTIES**

DOG URINATES/DEFECATES (200 Pts)      (*Terminates Exercise*)

HANDLER FAILS TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTION (10 Pts)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (100 Pts)

***TOTAL SCORE EQUALS 200 Pts MINUS DEDUCTIONS AND PENALTIES***

## **TACTICAL OBEDIENCE 150 Points**

**SCENARIO:** Teams will be expected to negotiate an agility course consisting of various obstacles with the dog “off-lease”. Obstacles will be negotiated in specified order and in some cases requiring the obstacle to be negotiated by both the dog and the handler. In situations requiring the handler to also negotiate an obstacle, the dog will engage the obstacle first with the handler following through, over or on the obstacle. Dog will be expected to remain at the finish point of the obstacle until rejoined by the handler. When instructed by the judges, handlers will be expected to move through portions of the course in a tactical manner, making full use of available cover. Handlers will be expected to move between positions both with and without their dog. When the handler moves independently, the dog will be expected to remain in the “down” or “sit” position protected by cover until recalled by the handler. Upon recall, dog will be expected to respond directly to the handler by the most direct route. Handler may be expected to show control by stopping dog in middle of recall response(s) and commanding dog to assume a tactical position e.g. “down”. Dog and handler must remain within the designated boundaries of the exercise area at all times.

### **DEDUCTIONS**

DOG URINATES OR DEFECATES (150 Pts)      **(Terminates Exercise)**

DOG REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE OBSTACLE (20 Pts)

DOG TRY'S TO NEGOTIATE OBSTACLE BEFORE COMMANDED (20 Pts)

DOG DOESN'T MAINTAIN HEEL POSITION BETWEEN OBSTACLES (10 Pts)

DOG AGGRESSES ON HANDLER (30 Pts)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (50 Pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF OFFICIALS (20 Pts)

DOG BREAKS POSITION WHEN HANDLER MOVES ALONE (20 Pts)

DOG DOES NOT RECALL ON MOST DIRECT ROUTE TO HANDLER (10 Pts)

DOG DOES NOT REMAIN AT HEEL WHEN MOVING W/HANDLER (10 Pts)

HANDLER NOT TACTICAL AT ALL TIMES – **Movement and Cover** (20 Pts)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (50 Pts)

***TOTAL SCORE EQUALS 150 Pts MINUS DEDUCTIONS***

## **EXPLOSIVE / DRUG DETECTION 150 Points**

**SCENARIO:** Explosive and drug training aids will be concealed in various locations possibly both indoors and out in various quantities, heights and depths. Teams will be expected to detect the location of each training aid and the handler accurately announce its location to trials official(s). The exercise is complete when the handler states that the area is clear or the predetermined time limit has expired; whichever occurs first.

DETECTION OF TRAINING AIDS IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 150 POINTS. TO FORMULATE, DIVIDE THE NUMBER OF AIDS PLANTED INTO 150 TO DETERMINE POINT VALUE FOR EACH AID PLANTED AND SUCCESSFULLY FOUND.

**EXAMPLE:** 2 = 75 POINTS    3 = 50 POINTS    4 = 37.5 POINTS    5 = 30 POINTS

AIDS FOUND \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = SUB TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

DEDUCTIONS/PENALTIES

HANDLER PULLS DOG OFF ODOR (20 PTS)

HANDLER FAILS TO READ DOG (10 PTS)

HANDLER FAILS TO PRESENT PRODUCTIVE AREA (10 PTS)

DOG AGGRESSES MORE THAN MILDLY AT ODOR SOURCE (Drugs) (5PTS)

DOG AGGRESSES AT ODOR SOURCE (Explosives) (50 PTS)

DOG ALERTS OFF SOURCE AND HANDLER CALLS AS FINAL (10 PTS)

DOG WALKS ODOR (10 PTS)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (30 PTS)

*Ten-point deduction for each false sit*

## **BUILDING SEARCH 200 Points**

**SCENARIO:** Teams will be expected to locate, challenge and apprehend one or more suspects hidden in a building. Handlers will be expected to issue a challenge into the building giving reasonable time for innocent occupants to escape or the suspect to surrender. Dogs will be expected to clear the building on or off lease, without the handler. Handlers may, however, tactically position themselves immediately inside the doorway. When a suspect has been located, the dog must give an audible or physical signal sufficient for the handler and trials official(s) to know a suspect has been detected. The dog will be expected to hold its position at the suspect until rejoined by the handler. When a suspect has been located, the handler will tactically move to the suspect's location and secure the dog on leash (handler may elect to recall dog and return to the suspect's location, on or off lease if the team has been trained this way). Depending on the scenario, the handler may be required to challenge the suspect, order him/her from hiding, apprehend and escort the suspect out of the building. Conversely, the handler may be required to tell the judge the decoys' location (based on the dog's response) without any physical interface with the decoy. In this case, the handler **must** be able to read his/her dog's response and trust that response. Dog may/may not be allowed to bite & hold the suspect. If required, the suspect will follow all commands of the handler when effectively challenged.

### **DEDUCTIONS**

DOG FAILS TO LOCATE DECOY (100 pts)

DOG AGGRESSES ON HANDLER OR JUDGE (50 pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO READ DOG'S RESPONSE (50 pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO ISSUE CHALLENGE BEFORE ENTERING BUILDING (30 pts)

HANDLER DOES NOT MOVE TACTICALLY (30 pts)

HANDLER FAILS TO DISPLAY TOTAL CONTROL OVER DOG (30 pts)

### **PENALTIES**

DOG URINATES/DEFECATES (200 pts) (Terminates Exercise)

HANDLER FAILS TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS (10 pts)

HANDLER COMMITS SAFETY VIOLATION (100 pts)

***TOTAL SCORE EQUALS 200 Pts MINUS DEDUCTIONS AND PENALTIES***